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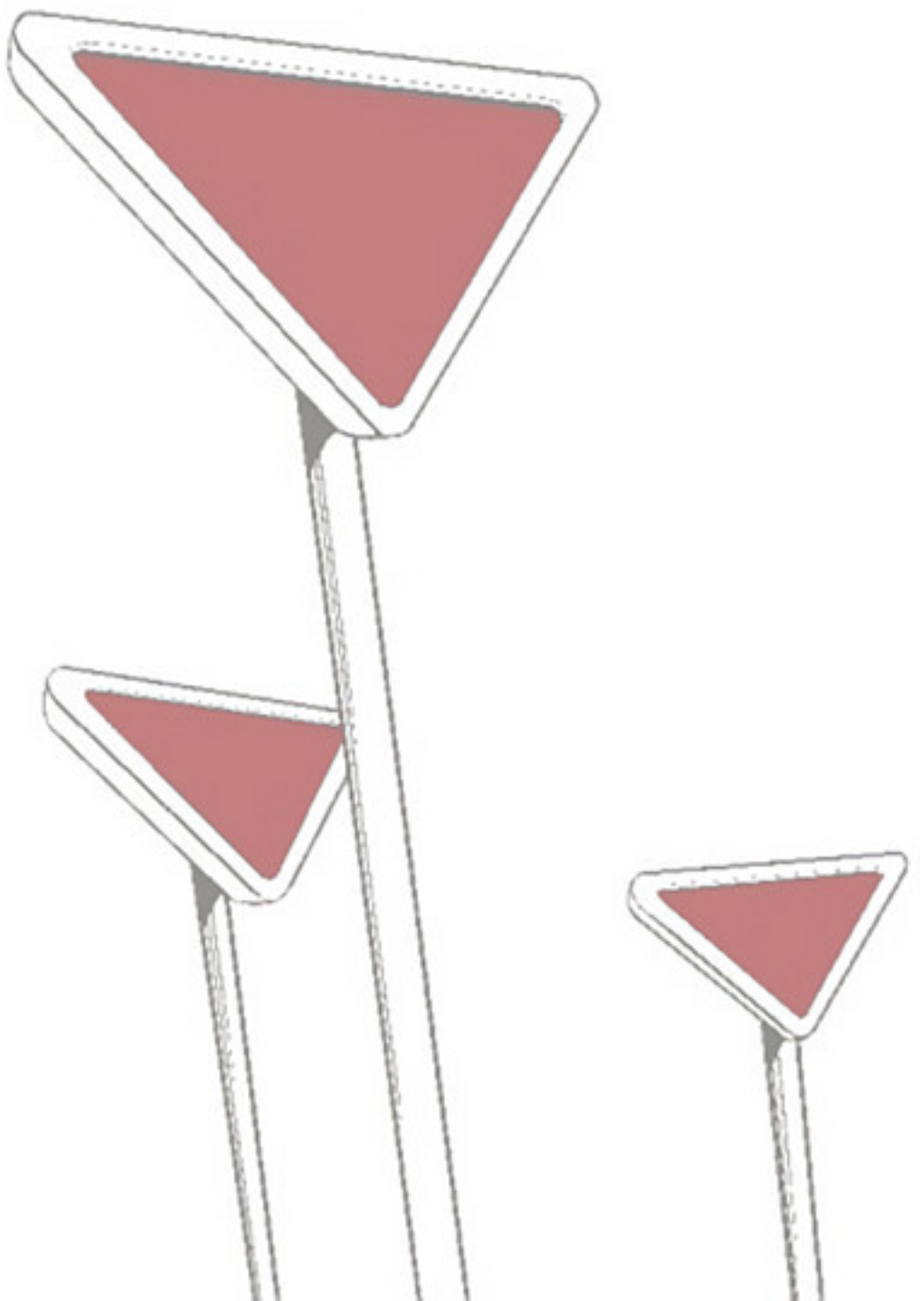

31 >> SHINIGAMI RECORD I

WHA...?

KI (GLARE)

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "A MONSTER" ...?

THAT'S JUST STUPID.

YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH THOSE CRAZIES TOO, AREN'T YOU?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT...

...BUT STAY THE HELL OUT OF MY WAY!!

HUH?

SO YOU'RE WITH THEM, OR...?

...OH, YOU'VE RUN INTO THOSE KIDS ALREADY?

OH NO. I'M NOT WITH THEM AT ALL.

ALTHOUGH ...

ZO (SHUDDER)

...OH!

BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT THINGS IN THOSE TERMS, YOU'RE ONE TOO, AREN'T YOU?

YOUR EYES TURNED RED JUST NOW, DIDN'T THEY?

...AS FAR AS BEING MONSTERS GOES, YOU MIGHT SAY WE'RE PRETTY SIMILAR.

SCARY, ISN'T IT?

YOU CAN'T TRUST ANYONE, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON...

YOU LOST SOMEONE DEAR TO YOU SEEMINGLY OUT OF NOWHERE...

...AM I RIGHT?

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE DETERMINED TO BE ALONE.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS...

I...
UH...

IT'S SCARY BEING ALONE.

REALLY SCARY.

YOU WENT OVER TO THAT OTHER WORLD TOO, DIDN'T YOU?

I'M PRETTY SURE YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

I...I DON'T...

DON'T LIE TO ME.

I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER ANYTHING...

YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER.

IT'S SUCH AN IMPOSSIBLY SCARY EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE THAT THEY ALL TRY TO FORGET THEY EVER WENT THERE.

I...

I CAN'T...!

HETA (SLUMP)

I CAN'T ...

I CAN'T THINK ABOUT THAT WORLD FOR ANOTHER MOMENT...

NO! I DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER!

SU (FSH)

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT EVERYTHING.

HOW THAT "WORLD" YOU'RE SO AFRAID OF WORKS...

HOW TO USE THE POWER THAT'S BEEN PUT INTO YOU...

THE TRUTH OF WHAT TURNED US ALL INTO "MONSTERS"...

SU

WHY DON'T I TELL YOU ABOUT THE "FIRST HERO" OF THIS SORDID TALE?

KOTSUN (TAP)

DOKUN (BADUM)

NOW, WHERE SHOULD I BEGIN...?

LET'S SEE...

WHERE...

WHERE AM I?

IN THE DISTANT PAST...

...LONG BEFORE OUR WORLD WAS BORN...

...THERE WAS NO LIGHT...

...NO SUCH THING AS TIME...

THESE MEMORIES WERE FORMED AROUND THEN.

MEMO-
RIES?

BUT...
WHOSE?

THE WOMAN
HERSELF...

...WHO
CREATED
THESE
SNAKE
POWERS.

SU
(SSK)